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Cadiz, March 23. *N. S.*

THE *Portland* Man of War, Captain *Littleton* Commander, arrived here the 14th inſtant from the *Streights*, with two Engliſh Merchant men under his Convoy, bound for *England*. Some Ships are ordered forthwith for the *Havana* and *Carthagena*, to carry Supplies for the Galeons in caſe they are not yet in their way hither. The Ships deſigned for *New Spain* are Careening, in order to their departure, which is intended to be about the middle of *July*. On the 16th ſailed hence two Dutch Men of War, and this day ſeveral Engliſh, Dutch, Daniſh, and Sueditſh Ships put to Sea, being bound Northwards.

Lisbon, April 1. The King of *Portugal* having reſolved to increaſe his Forces to 20000 Foot and 4000 Horſe, Commiſſions are given out for making new Levies accordingly. The Cortes or States of this Kingdom, which met here the firſt of *December* laſt, are ſtill Aſſembled, not having yet agreed on the Method of raiſing the Duty they have reſolved to lay upon Tobacco.

Madrid, April 2. The King of *Spain* is much better, and has been ſeveral times abroad to take the Air. His Catholick Majeſty intends in a few days to leave this place, and to go to *Toledo*, and thence to *Guadalajara*. The Count *de Monterey* continues confined to his own Houſe. The French Ambaſſador has not yet ſeen the King, nor is yet any time fixed for his Audience; but the Cardinal of *Cordova*, is appointed to Confer with him as his Catholick Majeſty's Commiſſioner, touching the Matters he has to propoſe. Our laſt Letters from *Malaga*, ſay, The Siege of *Ceuta* is ſtill carried on with a great deal of Obſtinacy by the Moors, who have lately received a conſiderable Reinforcement.

Leghorne, April 7. Sir *Lambert Blackwell*, His Majeſty of *Great Britain*'s Envoy Extraordinary, having taken his Leave of the Doge and Senate of *Genoua*, departed thence the 4th inſtant, the Senate having appointed one of their Gallies to bring him to this place, where he arrived the 5th: He was received as well by the Governor and Chief Officers of the Town, as by the Engliſh Factory, with great Civility and Reſpect.

Venice, April 12. Another Convoy is fitting here for the *Levant*, which may be ready to ſail about the end of this month, and with this opportunity ſeveral Companies of new raiſed Soldiers will be ſent thither. The laſt Advices from *Turkey* ſay, The Viſier and ſome other of the Chief Officers of that Court, ſhewed a great Diſpoſition to enter upon a Treaty of Peace, with the Emperor and his Allies; but that the Mufti was of a contrary Opinion, and endeavoured to perſuade the Grand Signior to a vigorous Proſecution of the War, which he thinks cannot be ended at this time but upon ſuch Terms as will be very diſhonourable to the Ottoman Empire; The ſame Letters add, The Sultan had cauſed the Aga of the Janniſaries to be Strangled, upon ſomething he had done to diſpleaſe him; That Endeavours had been uſed to diſſuade the Sultan from going into the Field this Summer, ſeeing all he could propoſe to do, would be to ſtand on the Defenſive, which would not be much for his Honour, but that he had notwithſtanding reſolved to Command his Army in Perſon this Campagne, and to depart from *Adrianople* in the beginning of *May* for *Sophia*, where is to be the general Rendezvous of his Forces.

Dantſick, April 15. Our laſt Letters from *Warſaw* ſay, The Cardinal Primate and his Adherents are to meet this day at *Lowitz*, perſiſting ſtill in their Reſolution not to Acknowledge the King of *Poland*, unleſs upon ſuch Conditions as he ſeems not at all enclined to comply with; and that it is much diſcourſed there, that the Cardinal has lately received a conſiderable Sum of Money from abroad to Encourage and Countenance his Party: We hear, the Diſorders in *Lithuania* continue ſtill, and that General *Sapieha* has lately gained ſome Advantages over the Sieur *Oginsky*. The Princes *Alexander* and *Conſtantine*, Sons to the late King of *Poland*, are at preſent at *Lemberg*, and Prince *James* their Brother at *Pikaskowitz*. We hear, a Party of the Gariſon of *Caminiec* attacked lately the Fort of the *Trinity*, ſituate on the Frontier, but were repulſed by the Poles, and obliged to retire with loſs.

Vienna, April 10. The Preparations for the next Campagne are continued in theſe Parts with great Application; The Imperial Forces are to be at their Rendezvous about the middle of the next month; A great Train of Artillery, and Magazines of Proviſions are provided, and by all appearance ſome conſiderable Siege will be undertaken; which the Turks themſelves ſeem very apprehenſive of, and therefore do all they can to put their Frontier Places, and eſpecially *Temeſwar* and *Belgrade*, in a good poſture of Defence. The Nobility of *Hungary* have lately Petitioned for an Abatement of the Contributions they are Charged with towards the Supplies that Province has conſented to give for carrying on the War, but this Court did not think fit to comply with them in this Point. We hear, the States of *Hungary* are ſtill aſſembled to conſider of the Means of raiſing the Sums they are to furniſh for maintaining the Forces in that Kingdom according to the Regulation newly agreed on by them with the Emperor's Commiſſioners.

Francfort, April 20. The Diet of *Ratisbonne* have agreed on a Commiſſion, to Empower in the Name of the Empire, the Perſons therein named, to take Poſſeſſion of the Fortreſs of *Philipsburg*, which the French are to reſtore. The Elector of *Mentz* is lately come to *Amorbath* to receive the Homage of that City, and will come next Friday to *Aſchaffemburg*. The Baron of *Ingelſheym* is made Preſident of the Chamber of *Wezlar*. We hear from *Strasbourg*, That the Sieur *d'Obrecht* is ſhortly expected back thither, being appointed to aſſiſt on the part of the French King at the Conferences that are to be held for Adjuſting the Dutcheſs of *Orleans*'s Pretenſions on the *Palatinate*.

Hamburg, April 22. The Chapter of *Oſnabrug* have made Choice of the Baron of *Metternicke*, their Dean, to take care of the Adminiſtration of the Affairs of that Biſhoprick, during the Minority of the Prince of *Lorraine*, lately Choſen Biſhop of *Oſnabrug*.

Bruſſels,